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For: Protective Device In A Connector Arrangement For Optical Fibers

Examiner: Akm E. Ullah

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Docket No.: 40983US

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 18, 2004, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 18, 2005, please amend the application as follows. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 50-1581.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.